

Friday 2nd October

Dear Parents and Carers,



Clean Air Day 2020

Are you back on the school run? Do you always switch off your engine whilst waiting?



Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today with children especially vulnerable to the effects. Air pollution has been linked to low birth weights, poor lung development and may even contribute to reduced IQ and mental health issues.

Clean Air Day (8 October) will give us all the chance to act on air pollution, making UK cities cleaner, healthier and greener for us all - especially children.

Find out more at <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/about-clean-air-day>

Sitting outside school with an engine running creates a polluted environment for your child and others to walk straight into. You may also be breaking the law and causing disturbance to local residents. Council officers in York are able to issue Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for idling offences on the public highway.

We have recently received a complaint about idling engines outside school so please help us to keep our children safe by switching off your engine when waiting.

Why not mark Clean Air Day this year by signing up to York's anti-idling pledge www.york.gov.uk/engineoff.

Please support school in ensuring that cars are not left idling.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Hayes-Smith'.

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